

**PARISH HALL**

**Concert 24<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7pm**  
**Launceston Male Voice Choir & Arscott Ladies Choir**  
**Plus Local Soloist on Sunday - 24th April at 7pm in the Parish Hall**

Advance Tickets: Adults £6 Children under 12yrs £3 to include refreshments.

Available at Ashwater Village Shop and on the door £7 and £3

Please come and support this event as all proceeds will go towards the Ashwater Parish Hall Extension Fund.

**Ashwater Ceilidh – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

(Scottish Barn Dance)

In the Parish Hall Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.

Featuring Christine March and Celebrations Ceilidh Band. Dress Casual – Kilt optional – Come and dance or just listen.

In aid of the Parish Hall extension – Raffle in aid of Ashwater PTFA  
 Tickets: Pre-pay £6.50 to include Pasty and Pudding £7.50 on the door. Available from the Ashwater Village Shop.

**Comment:** In March the newsletter was commercially printed for the first time. Originally consisting of a single page it has grown over the years reflecting the broad range of regular community activities in the Parish. We now print 250 copies with well over 100 sent by email.

**Newsletter:** Contributions for the next Newsletter by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April please.  
[ibuxton16@btinternet.com](mailto:ibuxton16@btinternet.com)

**Events in the hall (unless otherwise stated)**

**1<sup>st</sup> April - Steel Band Practice, 6pm**

**4<sup>th</sup> April - Dance Lessons, 7pm**

**7<sup>th</sup> April - Pub Lunch, Village Inn**

**8<sup>th</sup> April- Fashion Show, 7.30pm**

**9<sup>th</sup> April, -Craft Fair 1pm-4pm**

**11<sup>th</sup> April -Dance Lessons, 7pm**

**11<sup>th</sup> April -Agricultural Meeting, 8pm**

**13<sup>th</sup> April -Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm**

**18<sup>th</sup> April - Camera Club 7.30pm**

**21<sup>st</sup> April – The Queen’s Birthday Celebrations, 7.30pm**

**23<sup>rd</sup> April – Horticultural Society Cream Teas and Plant Sale, 3pm**

**24<sup>th</sup> April – Two Choirs Concert, 7pm**

**26<sup>th</sup> April -Dance Lessons, 7pm**

**Advance Notice**

**5<sup>th</sup> May, Polling Day**

**7<sup>th</sup> May, Ashwater Ceilidh, 7pm**

**10<sup>th</sup> May, Hall AGM, 7.30pm**

**Ashwater Hall – Bookings and enquiries**

**Tel: 01409 211213**

**Email:Bob.griggs1@btopenworld.com**

**Ashwater Shop (Opening Hours)**

**Hours: Mon – Frid: 8.30am to 5.00pm**

**Saturday: 8.30am to Noon**

**Sunday: 9am to 12 Noon**

**Post Office**

**Hours: Mon – Frid: 9.00am to 4.30pm**

**Saturday: Closed**

**Sunday: Closed**

**Telephone: 01409 211192**



**Hall Annual General Meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7.30pm.** Everyone is welcome, come and express your views and hear about the extension plans. Would anyone wishing to stand as a Hall Trustee please pick up a nomination form from the hall or shop and return it either in the box provided in the hall or to the Hall Secretary, Valley View, Quoditch, Ashwater EX21 5BY by 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016.

Trustees meet once a quarter in the hall. A management committee is elected from the Trustees who also meet regularly and administer the day to day running of the hall and grounds.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

The Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations will be celebrated on the 21 April 2016.

There will be a celebration in the parish hall commencing at 7.30pm. Light refreshments will be available and everyone is welcome to attend. The parish council would like to make a display of

photographs and memorabilia in connection with past royal occasions celebrated in the parish. If you have any items for the display, please contact Lawrence Langston – 01409 211437. A beacon will be lit later on during the evening.

The Parish Council has been advised that people are throwing dog poo bags in the ditches and not putting them in the bins around the village. Please place all bags in the bins provided.

The next parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday 13 April 2016.



**Successful Grant Application:**

Grateful thanks to Cllr Barry Parsons for assisting with our successful grant application. This has paid for the new PC computer and the 'overload' fridge in the office/stock room, which is a huge financial help for the shop as all the equipment is at least five years old with several pieces even older as they were bought 2nd hand.

**Freezer & Chiller service contract:**

We've had a couple of scares recently with the elderly equipment breaking down so we have taken out a service & breakdown contract for the two freezers, two chillers and fridge. The above grant has allowed us to allocate finances for this. Thank you again.

**On-The-Go Beverages & ice cream:**

Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Fruit & Herb Teas and ice creams are all now available from the Shop. Pick-up a Beverage Loyalty Card - spend £5 to get your card stamped, get 10 stamps for a free drink

**Sit outside the Shop on a dry day...**

Take your drink and food and sit on the benches outside to fully enjoy our beautiful countryside. If you are feeling energetic ask in the Shop about the garden games - Draughts & Dominos available to play on dry days.

**Walking in the local area:**

The Shop is looking into loaning out waterproof maps of Exmoor, Dartmoor, Bodmin Moor and the Holsworthy/Launceston. Ideal for walkers cyclists and horse riders as they won't get soggy.

**Swap/Donations Stand:**

Please sow a few extra seeds so we can have plants for the Shop Swap/Donations Stand that was so popular last spring and throughout the summer.

**Warmer weather = Al Fresco in Ashwater**

John is thinking barbeque: summer eating & entertaining - we'd love to hear your ideas and/or requests?

**Launceston Lions FREE Fridge Canisters:**

If you take medication and/or have particular health needs + if your pets need medication - please take a free *Launceston Lions* fridge canister, at the till. All your data is kept in the canister that stays in the fridge. In case of emergency the ambulance/fire/police services know to look for your canister in the fridge. Simple!

Have you got used postage stamps or old spectacles lying around gathering dust? Bring them into the Shop, the *Launceston Lions* have left a bin/collection point for used postage stamps and old glasses just to the left of the PO counter.

**Coming soon in Shop Talk May:**

We've had several enquiries about volunteering in the Shop, what is involved and for how long. John is currently identifying volunteer tasks that will help him out, what days they occur on, length, and at what times. We will have full details next month.

**Finally**

Thank you to the Hall for the long-term loan of one of their chairs borrowed for manager & volunteers to use when the Shop first opened! And thanks for thoughtfully organising the chair's return on a Sunday thus avoiding PO and Shop congestion during the working week.

**Find us on:**

[www.facebook.com/ashwatervillageshop/](http://www.facebook.com/ashwatervillageshop/) [www.ashwatervillageshop.co.uk](http://www.ashwatervillageshop.co.uk)

### **BADMINTON – WEDNESDAY EVENINGS**

Badminton continues on Wednesday evenings in the Parish Hall from 7.00pm – all welcome.

### **DANCING LESSONS – COMMENCING 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL, BEGINNER'S WELCOME**

The six sessions will cover the Waltz, Quickstep, Cha Cha and the Jive for everyone from the age of 12 years upwards will be held at the hall on 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016 plus 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016. Each lesson costs just £1.00 and runs from 7.00pm – 8.30pm. Contact Peter Soper on 01237 428773 or Email: [peter.soper@torridge.gov.uk](mailto:peter.soper@torridge.gov.uk) to reserve a place. Kindly note that suitable shoes allowing your feet to twist on the floor should be worn – NO TRAINERS as they will stick. Please also bring your own water/soft drink.

### **LADIES EVENING WITH FASHION SHOW – 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 7.30PM IN ASHWATER PARISH HALL**

Come and have a drink with friends and be pampered featuring Fashion Show by Abstract, Okehampton. Enquiries to: Lorna Binns 01409 211358, [binns4546@btinternet.com](mailto:binns4546@btinternet.com) or Helen Bone 01409 211601 [bonethreegables@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:bonethreegables@yahoo.co.uk) Entry is £5.00 to include a drink and tasty bites, all proceeds towards the Ashwater Church Tower Project.

### **VILLAGE INN MONTHLY LUNCH & DEVON AIR AMBULANCE LOTTERY**

The next lunch is on 7<sup>th</sup> April please book in advance or by 10.30am on the day at the latest. 01409 211200.

### **CRAFT AND PRODUCE FAIR SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL VILLAGE HALL 1-4pm.**

Ashwater Football Club is raising much needed funds so come along and support them. There will be a wide range of local craft and produce sellers as well as great tea and coffee, cakes and bacon baps and a raffle. There are new stalls as well as regular traders. So come along and support your local football club, have a chat and a cuppa and you never know you might find that little something that you've been looking for. Fresh meat and veg, homemade cakes, cards, herbs and spices, jams, hand knitted items, wooden items and crochet among many others.

I know it's Grand National day so come early and you won't miss any of the race!

### **ASHWATER CAMERA CLUB – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

The next club meeting will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April in the hall from 7.30pm – 9.30pm. This is a practical 'water themed session' involving balloons, bubbles and colours so bring your camera and tripod.

The club now has a back drop stand and spare back-drops for use by club members as well as a selection of previous issue camera magazines and books.

Club members may display their own printed work in the hall or in digital format on the website at <http://ashwatercameraclub.weebly.com/> and a membership group has been set up on [www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com) – simply sign up via Yahoo! There is already a diverse selection of photos on the sites.

### **ASHWATER HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY – CREAM TEA AND PLANT SALE 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL**

Ashwater Horticultural Society - Cream Tea Saturday 23rd April 2016 3pm-6pm in Ashwater Parish Hall.

Raffle - Plants for Sale - Cake Stall                      Everyone most welcome

### **ASHWATER SCHOOL – PTFA, 28<sup>th</sup> MAY 2016, LADIES PAMPER EVENING**

Ashwater school PTFA are hosting a ladies pamper evening on 28th May, you can be pampered from head to foot from various different beauticians offering free hand massages, also we have a fantastic lady offering shiatsu massage, facials, nails, spray tans the works, also there will be representatives from Avon, Body shop, Yonique, Anne Summers, tropic skin care, craft wonderland - soaps/bathbombs, usbourne books, crafts/ spices, jewellery, scarves, and plenty more.

We are desperately trying to raise funds to improve the school library and outside play area, also everyday equipment that the school budget can't stretch to.

We would love to see you there. Entry fee is £3.00 with a free glass of Prosecco and nibbles.



**ASHWATER CHURCH TOWER PROJECT: NEWSLETTER APRIL 2016**  
**Presentation made at the launch of the Ashwater Church Tower project: Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**March 2016**

David Bone, the volunteer Project Manager said: 'We have a wonderful heritage in this country where our collective histories can in part be mapped through the style and architecture of the buildings we erect. Nowhere is this more apparent than in our churches and cathedrals where, in celebration of their purpose, their beauty can often take your breath away. This church, St Peter Ad Vincula is no exception and we are indeed fortunate to have such a historic and beautiful church, both as a place of worship and as a unique Grade 1 listed structure.

There is evidence that this church was consecrated as early as 1257 and the fact that St Peters is currently in daily use, demonstrates to us that previous generations have taken their guardianship of this church seriously. It is therefore I believe incumbent on us in 2016 to save this church for future generations and not to let it fail on our watch.

To this end I am pleased to say that the Tower Group supported by Ashwater PCC have secured sufficient grant funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), together with monies raised by the village, to be able to take these urgent repairs forward. We are very grateful to the HLF for their support of this project and the village should also be proud of its fundraising achievements, which will likewise go towards the repairs.

It has been known for some time that the Tower and lead valley gutter were failing. However funding to rectify this has simply not been available.

Then in 2014 an opportunity presented itself for the PCC to make an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund under its Grants for Places of Worship scheme. This scheme was designed for churches in urgent need of structural repair and encouraged applications for grants to be made for up to £250,000 of repairs. However as is often the case with very old buildings, you know that there is a problem, but quite what the extent of the problem is and how to fix it remains elusive. So the first application to HLF was to secure grant to engage professional consultants to investigate the extent of the problem and propose a plan to fix it.

Our grant for this initial work was awarded by HLF in September 2014 with a requirement that by October 2015 we were to have fully costed proposals in place for both HLF and English Heritage (now Historic England) to review. These proposals were submitted in October 2015 and in December 2015 we were told that we had been successful. It is worthwhile mentioning at this point that both our applications to HLF have been competitive, as there are many other churches with the same problems competing for the same pot of money. The fact that we have been successful in both applications is to be applauded and is a reflection of the support that Rev Jane Lucas, the Tower Group and the PCC have given to this project.

The basis of this competition was that we were required to set out what would be achieved using the grant awarded. The outcomes are the heritage saved (i.e. this church) and the measures that we will put in place to encourage more people to visit the saved heritage. HLF require us to measure these outcomes over a period of 10 years and so when the works are finished, measures will be put in place to capture this information.

So today (Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2016) is the launch of the actual repairs and I can see you all asking "where is all the activity". Well the initial work is to design a scaffold that is acceptable to our Architect and Engineer together with Historic England and this design is going through an approval process as we speak. Scaffolding to a modern structure can bear on and take support from the building itself. Here, and because of its age and condition, the church can offer no such support and so the scaffold design is very important, as it will be up for the majority of the 22 week contract period. Works will likely start after the Easter holidays.

There are two stages of construction work. We have spoken about the Tower but there is also the replacement of the lead valley gutter. This is being carried out by another contractor and will commence once the majority

of the Tower works are complete. This latter work is programmed to last 8 weeks, but is very weather dependent, and so may take longer. The plan however is to complete all works during 2016.

At the start of this process we had ambitions to make the church more usable through the installation of a kitchen and toilet facilities. Sadly finances dictated that this work must be considered as a second phase, the fabric of the building taking priority.

Alongside the construction works we have agreed with HLF to hold a number of Activities. These are listed on the bright blue handout that Ali Rowe has passed out today (and are now available in the church) - in brief these include:

**Children Activities** – This will see the publication of a booklet & other activities in relation to the Church and its history. This mainly aimed at primary school children

**Bell Ringing Festival** – This is an event to bring ringers and others to a repaired Tower. It is also hoped to encourage new ringers.

**Construction Exhibition** – This is intended to give demonstrations and lectures making use of the heritage reports generated by the project. It is hoped that demonstrations will include stonemasonry, carpentry and leadwork.

**Website, Friends of St Peter & History Book.**

Here as the title suggests our website will be updated, friends will be kept informed via selected media and it is intended to publish a history of the church taken largely from the Statement of Significance produced by our local historian Dr Trevor May.

HLF were very impressed by Trevor's work on the Statement and intend to use it as an example for other Churches to follow.

**Social History Exhibition** – This is intended to show the social history of the people of Ashwater.

**A Series of Talks** – Held in Church these will focus on the historical and heritage reports generated by the project and will co-ordinate with the other Activities.

**Monument Restoration** – This will see activities around the possible restoration of the Carminow Monument that will lead to a further grant application being made for restoration.

I do not have a timetable for these activities today, but you will all be given notice as to when they are to be held so that you can take part as you wish.

These Activities are being put together with a dedicated team of volunteers who have also worked hard on fundraising for the project and I should like to take a moment to thank them.

They are; Our leader Rev Jane Lucas, Ali Rowe, Dr Trevor May, Emma Kirk, Alistair Kirk, Helen Bone, Lorna Binns, Ben Longhurst-Prior and Tim Luxton. Stuart Marwood is also getting involved, not least in the management of the dark art of VAT.'

#### **CPRE "OUR OUTDOORS" COMPETITION 2016**

The 'Devon Best Kept Village' competition was run by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) for many years, but in 2014 a decision was made to reconsider, modernize and launch a replacement competition. CPRE Devon branch considered it was time to change course slightly and champion the overall 'Outdoors'. The competition has been thrown open to all community organizations in both rural areas of Devon as well as the urban development.

CPRE Devon is inviting all Parish and Town Councils, Schools, Community Leaders and those responsible for volunteer organizations to enter. There are three categories and entries will be judged between 31<sup>st</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016. These are:

1. Most creative and distinctive planted outdoor space
2. Most improved and innovative outdoor location (a before and after description would be useful)
3. 'Our Outdoors' as a special sustainable place in the community.

Awards will be made based on the following size of the communities:

Trophy 1 (Communities with a population/membership over 500)

Trophy 2 (Communities with a population/membership over 150, less than 500)

Trophy 3 (Communities with a population/membership under 150)

Prizes will be awarded at the Judges' discretion.

To take part organizations should contact CPRE by email at [secretary@cpredevon.org.uk](mailto:secretary@cpredevon.org.uk) for entry forms and full details. Entries must be submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

#### EDITOR'S NOTE

Ashwater won the 'Best New Entry' category in 2014. The Village or any community organization within the Parish is eligible to enter this year. The Editor however is one of the judges for 2016 and must remain independent of any Ashwater entry.

#### MEN AND LADIES SKITTLES

There will be no Ladies Skittles evening held in April. The men's season has finished with our teams in the top half of the table. The Arthur Palmer Memorial KO Trophy was won by Roy Graham.

#### ASHWATER PARISH CHURCH

##### Sunday Services

3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2016	9.30am	Morning Worship
10 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	9.30am	Holy Communion
17 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	9.30am	Said Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel
24 <sup>th</sup> April 2016	9.30am	Holy Communion by Extension

Annual Parochial Church Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 7.30pm in Church

All electoral roll members, congregations and parishes are invited to attend the Annual Meetings where you have can question us about finances, buildings or other matters about your church. Please note; only electoral roll members can vote in the elections of Church Wardens and Parochial Church Council members.

#### AND FINALLY.....

From 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016, the law will require all dogs to be micro-chipped. Make sure your dog has a chip linked to your up-to-date contact details. Visit [www.chipmydog.org.uk](http://www.chipmydog.org.uk) for more information and free chipping.

---

#### Advertising in the Newsletter

Small adverts cost £25 per issue and help to cover the cost of paper and printing, which are otherwise donated or paid from parish council funds raised through the local precept.

#### Distribution of Newsletters

My thanks to those who provide articles for and distribute the newsletters. If you know of anybody who did not receive a copy please let me know: copies will always be available at the Village Shop, Parish Hall and in the Village Inn. Any information for inclusion in or offers to help please contact Ivan Buxton on 01409 221073, e-mail [ibuxton16@btinternet.com](mailto:ibuxton16@btinternet.com). Don't forget to visit the Ashwater Website [www.ashwaterparish.org.uk](http://www.ashwaterparish.org.uk)

Printed by: Parish Magazine Printing, Northmoor, Whitstone, Holsworthy EX22 6TD Tel: 01288 341617 Email: [phillip.tucker@parishmagazineprinting.co.uk](mailto:phillip.tucker@parishmagazineprinting.co.uk)